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Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-Signature

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)

Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 128.97 ha. of Forest Land for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh. – regarding request for transfer of lease in respect of diversion of forest land for open cast coal mining in Namchak Namphuk Coal Mine in changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh along with Stage-I and Stage-II approval granted in favour of M/s. Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited to M/s. Coal Pulz Private Limited (Online Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/611/2003)—regarding.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh letter no. FOR.14-7/CONS/2002/Pt.I/234 dated 18.01.2024 which was received in the Ministry on 08.05.2024 on above subject forwarding additional information as sought vide this Ministry's letter dated 11.10.2023 and to say that after examination of additional information, following shortcomings were revealed:

- i. Complete compliance of Stage- II approval accorded by ministry's letter dated 10.04.2006 for diversion of 39.02 ha needs to be submitted. Further, justification for delay in submission of compliance report submitted by the State Government is not tenable. Proper justification in this regard needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- ii. Examination of KML file of forest area for which Stage- I approval was accorded (i.e. 128.97 ha.) clearly demarcating 39.02 ha. for which Stage- II approval was granted in DSS revealed that non-forestry activity has been carried out outside the approved forest land i.e. 39.02 ha. Comments from the State Government in this regard along with violation report needs to be submitted.
- iii. State Government has mentioned that an amount of ₹47,00,000/- has been deposited into CAMPA account. Detailed Bio-diversity Management Plan needs to be submitted.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to furnish information/documents, as indicated above, to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd-(S. Sundar) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 2. The DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Shillong of MoEF&CC.
- 3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 4. The User Agency.
- 5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.